

THE GAZETTE.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12.

ANOTHER STATE INSTITUTION.

The senate has concurred in the assembly bill which makes provisions for the establishment of an institution for the care and training of idiotic and feeble minded children.

The bill places \$20,000 in the hands of the state board of supervision with which to start a home or an institution of that kind. The bill also provides that there shall be at least one hundred and sixty acres of land attached to the institution for which no more than \$2,000 shall be paid, the bill assuming that the town or city at which the state shall be fixed, will give to the state a sufficient sum, which added to the \$2,000, will make a purchase of the number of acres provided for. Just where the board will locate the institution is not now known. There will be a score of applications for the institutions regardless of the fact that it will be practically of little value to any town or city. But it will be a public institution, and that is enough for some ambitious place which sets a high value on a little honor.

Two cottage buildings will likely be erected as early as practicable, should the bill become a law. They will, of course, be modest in style and moderate in cost on account of the smallness of the appropriation. But it will be a beginning, and will provide a home for a number of idiotic and feeble minded children who should not go to the poor house and whose parents cannot afford to send them to institutions in other states.

Such an institution as the contemplated by this bill will grow. According to the census of 1880 there were between 1,700 and 1,800 idiotic and feeble minded persons in Wisconsin. The state census of 1885 did not show so many. All that enumerators were able to find two years ago, were 260 above the ages of 15 and 140 under 15. But there are chances that this report is not correct. For instance, in one town in the southern part of the state, the census taker could find only one, whereas there are known to be 15. Parents, as a rule, are loath to inform census enumerators that their children are idiotic or feeble minded, and therefore the number can not be definitely ascertained; but there are a sufficient number of these extremely unfortunate in sight to make an institution for their care and training a public necessity.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS TWO.

Mr. Cleveland's letter regretting that he could not join Jeff Davis and other ex-confederates in doing honor to late general Sidney Johnson, has placed some of the newspaper papers in an unpleasant position. They stand considerably at an attempt to uphold the president in the spirit and matter of his letter, and the New York Evening Post, gets mad and goes so far as to say that there is no difference between the president's letter and John Sherman's Nashville speech. But the Post is blinding in its own conceit, and if it looks at all it looks more loyal at a subject like that of the president regretting that he could not meet Jeff Davis and mingle their sympathetic tears over the loss of the great rebel leader.

The New York Tribune points out to the Post the difference between the president's letter and John Sherman's speech, and in substance is this:

The one in the official character as the president was performing an act of ceremony.

The other in his private character as a citizen was making a speech.

The one said that he took pride in the qualities which made rebel leaders conspicuous and added to the flow of blood.

The other said the south welcome in a perfect union, in which there should be a harmony of interests north and south.

The one encouraged the principles which caused the war.

The other encouraged those which the result of the war vindicated.

If the Post wasn't blind to its party, it could plainly see these things.

In a recent interview Senator John C. Spooner, expressed an opinion to the effect that the nomination of President Cleveland would be a disappointment to the democrats of the west, and that it recommended it would put a less number of votes than any other candidate would have received. To this the Chicago Journal responds: "Senator Spooner's opinion in this matter is indisputably correct. It is extremely improbable that any democratic candidate for president can carry a western state. But Mr. Cleveland would come farther from getting any electoral votes at the west than any other reputable democratic likely to be nominated." Those who build on the belief that Mr. Cleveland will not get all the democratic votes in the west, or anywhere else, will be disappointed. The republicans must not rest on the weakness of the democratic candidate, but on the clean record and the personal strength of the republican candidate. By the latter comes victory.

A dispatch from Washington to the St. Paul Globe makes the following announcement in regard to matters in this state: "There are thirteen republicans who are holding presidential positions in Wisconsin. Their places are wanted by democrats, and the democratic leaders of that state are prosecuting the claims of the faithful with a persistence which will be rewarded in a few days. There will be changes in not less than five of these offices during the present week. It is impossible to determine which hands will fall into the basket first, as the postmaster general declines to permit any names to be given out, but he has attended to the party demands in all other

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"LET'S TAKE A DRINK."

STATISTICS SHOWING HOW MUCH THAT PROPOSITION COSTS US.

Seven Hundred Million Dollars Absorbed in "Whetting the Whistles" of the American Citizen—How the Sum Is Divided Between the Dealers—A Little Difficulty About Litter.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Mr. Switzer, the commissioner of statistics, has issued a quarterly report of imports, exports, immigration and navigation of the United States, which, according to the title-page, contains also other statistical matter. Among this and other statistical matters, is a lot of tables showing the consumption of spirits, and beer in the United States and various foreign countries. The share of each person figured out, and what the average citizen expends for liquor, carefully calculated. The country's drink bill is figured at over \$700,000,000, of which \$300,000,000 goes to the manufacturer, and \$400,000,000 to the middlemen, mainly the retail dealers. The drinking portion of the population is figured out at about one-fourth of the total, and the drink bill of the past two years, for this amount of money the average drinker got 5.9 gallons of spirits, 41 gallons of beer, and 1.6 gallons of wine, altogether drinking nearly a gallon a week and paying nearly \$1 per week. This report makes the statistics of persons in the trade that not one-fourth of the spirits manufactured are used in the arts. The National Wholesale Drug association estimated that one-half of the spirits were used in the arts. The statistics of dealers in alcohol, posted by Commissioner Switzer, are very startling. He was very close with these made by Gen. Baum, while he was commissioner of internal revenue, which were based on information from all the internal revenue collectors in the country. The temperance organizations of the country have long been trying in vain to get congress to create a commission to collect statistics of the alcoholic liquor traffic and consumption. Commissioner Switzer has undertaken this work himself and actually performed it in a large degree. The commissioner's tables will be extensively quoted and commented upon by the temperance and religious press, and on the other hand the papers and editors who support the liquor traffic will, the liquor interest will denounce these figures as cooked up by temperance people for their own purposes and wholly misleading. In putting this report out Commissioner Switzer calls special attention to the tables in regard to liquor consumption, products of the fisheries, and of trade with Canada.

POLITICS CREATES A DIFFICULTY.

A Question That Is Embarrassing Several People.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The president's difficulties in the selection of a commission to investigate the Pacific railways do not seem to have ended, with the nomination of Messrs. Anderson, Patterson and Lister. Mr. Lister is a member of the Illinois legislature and chairman of the house committee on appropriations. He is a Republican whose seat in case he resigns, will be filled by a Democrat, and as the Republicans hold the house by a bare majority of three, Lister's resignation would reduce this to one. Mr. Lister's Republican friends object to his leaving under these circumstances before the government has been organized. As this is impossible, in view of the fact that the commission is required to get immediately at work, Mr. Lister finds himself in an embarrassing position. This embarrassment is also shared by the president, inasmuch as the commission is required to report results of its mission in December, a period scarcely eight months distant.

FLAMES IN AN ANCIENT TOWN.

St. Augustine, Fla., April 12.—At 3 o'clock Tuesday morning fire broke out in the boiler room of the St. Augustine hotel, a large three-story frame structure. Soon the whole building was a mass of crackling flames. The fire was not checked until about 10 o'clock, and contained only about 100 persons, including the owner, employees and guests. All escaped save one female employee, Bridget Murphy, who is supposed to have perished. Part of the fixtures of the hotel were saved, the guests being nearly everything.

The loss, including the building and fixtures, is \$300,000. It is supposed to be the largest loss ever sustained by a hotel in the south. The hotel was built in 1840, though it is quite a modern one, as the insurance expired Wednesday, and it is not known whether it was renewed. A slight breeze was blowing at the time from the northeast, and from the hotel the fire spread rapidly to the buildings, consuming some of the old buildings. Among the buildings consumed was the famous old Roman Catholic cathedral, the oldest structure in America, which is a mass of ruins; only the bare walls and the tower are left standing.

Among the buildings burned are the St. Augustine hotel, Edward's hotel, county court house (records saved), Dr. Vedda's museum, old slave market, First National bank building, Bishop Moore's house, (partly destroyed), and a famous old store market. The total loss will probably reach \$300,000.

LATER.—So far two lives are reported lost and it may probably exceed that number, as several persons are unaccounted for. At present it is impossible to estimate the loss owing to the great confusion into which the conflagration has thrown the entire city, but it is placed at from \$200,000 to \$300,000. The fire originated near the boiler in the engine room of the St. Augustine hotel.

Floods Raging East and West.

New York, April 12.—Spring freshets are doing considerable damage in this state. Railroad traffic in the neighborhood of Utica and Schenectady is much impeded, the tracks in some places being two feet under water. A washout of a culvert at Palatine bridge, near Utica, was necessary just in time to prevent the wreck of the train known as the "Chicago Flyer." Great damage is being done along the Mohawk river. At one point the ice is piled fifty feet high for a distance of 200 yards.

Boston, April 12.—The Merrimack river at Lawrence, this state, is eighteen and one-half feet above its water, and nearly all the mills are shut down on account of back water. Dispatches from New Hampshire indicate that the spring freshets are doing much damage, especially along the Merrimack and Nashua rivers. A large number of mills have suspended operations. Near Bolton, N. H., many farm houses are flooded.

Box River, Pa., April 12.—The business portion of this city is threatened with a disastrous flood. D. Spaulding's water-power building and a portion of Water street were carried away Monday morning. The west side pier of one of the iron bridges across the river has become undermined, and it is thought the bridge is doomed. If the structure goes down it will carry with it the Price Manufacturing company's sawmill and lumber factory and endanger the whole business portion of the city. The loss now amounts to several thousand dollars, and if the bridge and factory are carried away it will be swelled to from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Men are endeavoring to form a log-jam to protect the endangered property.

Locked the Children in the House.

GREENVILLE, Ala., April 12.—On Sunday night last a negro tenant living in a house on Mr. J. K. Rhodes' place, about eight miles east of Greenville, went off leaving five children, the oldest 11 years of age, fastened up in the house. While about the house took fire and before any one could get there the children had all burned to death.

Natural Gas in Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, April 12.—Natural gas has been struck at a depth of 125 feet in Rosedale, a suburb of this city. The volume is sufficient for practical purposes.

The Verdict Unanimous.

W. D. Sult, Druggist, Bippins, Ind. testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has been rubbed in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Bellville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." A thousand of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Frank Sherer & Co's.

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and ALICE BOWDICK, defendants,
vs. STATE of WISCONSIN, the plaintiff,
and s. & h. o. t. w.

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in twenty days after service of this summons, or
failure of the day of service, and defend the
same, and to answer the complaint, and to
appear in and defend of your failure to do so, to judgment
and costs, and to the satisfaction of the court,
in and in case of the complaint.

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P. O. Address, Janesville, Rock County, Wis.

STATE OF WISCONSIN COUNTY COURT
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCK COUNTY, in probate.

Notice is hereby given that at the first
term of the County Court of Rock County, to be
held at the Court House, in the City of Janesville,
on the first day of May, A. D. 1887, at the hour of
ten o'clock A. M., the undersigned, J. J. Smith
& Finch, Attorneys at Law, for the plaintiff, the
State of Wisconsin, will appear and defend the
same, and to answer the complaint, and to appear
in and defend of your failure to do so, to judgment
and costs, and to the satisfaction of the court,
in and in case of the complaint.

By the Court. - LEO H. JONES,
County Judge.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS - County Court
of Rock County, in the matter of the estate
of J. J. RUCKER WILLIAMS, deceased.

Whereas, the undersigned, J. J. Rucker Williams, deceased, has died, and his estate
has been admitted to probate, and the same
has been placed in the hands of the undersigned,
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Attorney for S. M. Smith, judgment creditor.
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 13.

Horses boarded at reasonable rates, and all kinds of feed at mill prices at J. E. Miles' board. A good lumber wagon for sale cheap. Also a good horse six years old, sound and kind; weighs 175 pounds; Ohio side that can not be excelled is now kept by J. A. Denniston.

Early Ohio seed potatoes just received at Walter Helms'.

An assortment of good nuts and candies at the Seaside.

At Washington street green house, floral designs made on short notice. All varieties of house plants for bedding purposes at reasonable rates. Mikko's tomato, cabbage and cauliflower now ready. 24 Washington St. corner West Bluff.

W. H. Hill.

Ice cream at Seaside.

Mrs. E. Zmanger, of North Main St., has just received a fine assortment of canned goods; also of fresh nuts, candies and fruits.

Sweet cider at Seaside.

Wanted—To rent a cottage of four or five rooms for family of two, within six or eight blocks of this office. Apply to Ciglat, at this office.

Building lots for sale.

The most desirable locations in the city of Janesville, on Milton avenue, Milwaukee avenue and other adjoining avenues and streets, near to the schools and horse cars. Streets well graded; no engines or locomotives near; no railway crossing. Also, eligible lots on River and Franklin streets, in the fourth ward. Now is the time for every family to secure a home. Prices of lots very favorable.

J. J. R. Penke.

Oranges, bananas, strawberries, and other choice fruit, at Vanhook Bros., also street potatoes, pea plant, lettuce, young onions, green peas, spinach, radishes, cucumbers, and cabbages.

Another reduction in maple wood.

Brain & Gowder.

Try the new meat market at W. Q. Barnes' old stand on West Milwaukee street. Messrs. Yahn Bros. are prepared to furnish choice meats of all description at reasonable prices.

Lemonade can be had at Seaside.

Auction:

The Wisconsin Shoe Company will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, on Saturday, April 16th, 1887, at 2 o'clock p. m., at their factory on South Main street, in the city of Janesville, Wis., the house and lot belonging to said company, and adjoining said factory grounds on the north. The buildings are house two stories high with wing and basement, and a large barn. Terms easy and made known on day of sale.

Wisconsin Shoe Co.

A fresh lot of John Kraus' celebrated candies just received at Golling's.

Minut Trees.

I have elm, white ash and hard maple which I will sell and set out in the best manner.

J. W. Allen.

Clothing sale of S. L. French's stock of second hand clothes, furniture, crockery, lamps, violins, pictures, looking glasses, and clothing. 33 North Main street.

Shurtlett's cream at the Star.

Our stock of velvet, Brussels and ingrain carpets is complete, and prices low.

Belot, Bailey & Co.

Shurtlett's cream at the Star.

Stylish pants at low prices at W. C. Holmes'.

Shurtlett's cream at the Star.

Our stove warehouse was built for the express purpose of storing stoves. It has a good tin roof and keeps the stoves dry and in good condition. Prices as low as the work can be properly done for.

Metcalf & Gowder.

We pride ourselves on our wash dress goods stock, the largest and most complete in the city. We have many novelties not found elsewhere.

Bornt, Bailey & Co.

No buttons come off the Mother's Friend shirt waist at W. C. Holmes'.

Shurtlett's cream at the Star.

The ladies pronounce our dress goods the finest ever shown in Janesville.

Bornt, Bailey & Co.

Shurtlett's cream at the Star.

The newest thing for wool dress trimmings is finest braid. We have a full line and can match any color.

Bornt, Bailey & Co.

Shurtlett's cream at the Star.

We show some extra good styles in ladies' jackets with heads at \$3, \$4 and \$5.

Bornt, Bailey & Co.

For Sale—Best lot in the city, situated on Main Street, fronting court house.

H. H. Blanchard.

Gasoline and oil stores in good working order at reasonable prices, at the old reliable store of Sanborn, No. 58 North Main street.

If you want to secure a complete set of Dicken's, Waverley or Washington Irving, don't fail to examine the works being sold by Mr. A. A. Hille, of New York. Prices very low. Payments in monthly installments.

Try Dunwiddie & Humphrey for fine rigs.

THEATRE.

City Attorney Pierce claims to have the mumps.

W. F. Carls is in Chicago. He will return to-night.

N. L. Morehouse, of Chicago, was in the city to-day.

A harmless runaway occurred on the east side this afternoon.

The signal service predictions are warmer weather with rain.

Somewhat over fifty dollars were cleared at the theatre last night.

Indications point to a busy season for carpenters and builders in this city.

At the Grand Army hall this evening—Woman's Relief Corps entertainment.

A. M. Valentine is beginning extensive alterations on his residence in the first ward.

We hear rumors that the street car track is to be extended down Main street and to Forest Park.

O. E. Curtis now has a delivery wagon that fairly shines. It was painted by J. B. LaGrange.

The Masonic social this evening at Masonic hall—corner of Main and East Milwaukee streets.

Lawford Hefling rejoiced last night in the knowledge that every room in the Grand hotel was full.

W. S. Webster started for Baltimore, this morning to enter the employ of a wholesale shoe firm of that city.

Ray Welch, until lately connected with the store of Frank Sherer & Co., is now in a drug store at Quincy, Ill.

Dr. Oscar King, of Oakwood street—General LaGrange—attended the entertainment at the opera house last evening.

Most of the business at the shoe factory is finished. The books are all in order and nothing remains but to sell the stock.

Instead of next Monday night, as several of the company supposed, the Guards' muster will be held one week from that time.

It is reported that Messrs. Kammerer and Murray who went west to buy a stock farm will return without making an investment.

Soda water flowing from their fountain for the first time this season made Stearns & Baker's drug store a popular place most of the day.

The supper and sale under the auspices of the ladies of Christ church, in the Kenilworth block, North Main street this afternoon and evening.

Why would't part of that money appropriated by the legislature for preventing cholera be wisely expended it used to clean out Janesville's alleys?

After the play last evening, refreshments of ice cream and cake were provided for the actors. The lunch, which was entirely informal, was served by Concession of the Star.

The "Alvin Joslin" band paraded the streets between twelve and one o'clock to-day, delighting our people with some very fine music. "Alvin" appears at the opera house this evening.

Messrs. Courtney & Folly have opened a meat market on South Main street, in the building formerly occupied by T. F. Murray. They are practicing butchers and will keep a choice line of meats.

A Janesville man was in Racine the other day and attempted to rent rooms for a Salvation Army headquarters. Racine is not hankering after an army of this kind and the rental of the rooms was refused.

Battie Harvey, the Chicago roller skater, has been called into court on complaint of a man sixty-two years old, who wants the diamond bracelet that he gave her, returned. After he made the present, he asked her to be his wife and she refused, hence the suit.

A reception will be tendered the Rev. Jos. Shidell and wife, by the ladies of Trinity parish, at the home of Mrs. Philip Norcross, on Thursday evening, April 14, from eight to ten. All members and friends of the parish are most cordially invited.

Mrs. Mindover has on exhibition at the Wayside Inn, samples of her work in the transparent glass plates. She paints the art for two dollars, and as the points are so expensive, this style of work is very popular. The samples may be seen at her house.

A newly married couple sat in a farm wagon on Main street the other day, and billed and cooed, squeezed one another hands and stroked one another's faces in orthodox lover fashion, until a little innkeeper, too, himself from a cigar sign and perched on the electric light wire to rest.

Belot Free Press: Lewis Hogan, a farmer, met with a terrible death by station last week. He was exhibiting the animal when it jumped upon him and then laid partially down upon him, finally grabbing him in the neck with its teeth and shaking him till he died.

When the Christ church bazaar on Main street, opened this afternoon, it presented a very attractive appearance. Fancy work and pictures were tastefully distributed, while in conspicuous places were the pictures that will be voted to the most popular lawyer and the most popular doctor in the city. It seems likely that the affair will be a success.

They say that one west side barber who wore a silk hat through the fourth ward last evening was made to wish that he hadn't. Two or three anxious young men started after him—one with a pitchfork, another with a brick in each hand—and chased him over fences and around barns almost down to Milwaukee street.

Dr. S. S. Judd's imported French coach mare was driven on the streets yesterday afternoon and was greatly admired. She is a beautiful dapple-gray, well built, and will weigh about 1400. She is very lively and picks up her feet as handsomely as most of the fancy trotters. The doctor intends keeping her for breeding purposes.

Those who believe that nature will ward off a cold or cold under-stand that this is done at the expense of the constitution. Each time this weakens the system, and we all know that the termination of this dangerous practice is a consumptive's grave. Don't take the chances, when a little cold bottle of Dr. Bigelow's Cough Cure will safely and promptly cure any recent cough, cold or throat or lung trouble. Buy the dollar bottle for chronic cases or family use, at Eveson's, opposite postoffice.

AMATEUR THEATRE.

Their Performance Proves to be a Very Excellent One.

The benefit of the Girl's Social Club could certainly be called a success. This was shown by the hearty applause, the many compliments and the box office receipts themselves.

At eight o'clock the curtain rose on "A Sheep in Wolf's Clothing." In this play Miss Minerva Gurnsey, as "Anne Carlew," wife of the fugitive robber, carried off the honors. Her part, was a difficult one, but the many strong situations were brought out with rare ability. The other leading characters were Lora E. Barker as "Col. Percy Kirk," and Edwin Mifflin as "Kester Chedzey." Mr. Becker had an excellent voice for his part, and his acting drew much applause. The part of Mr. Fildel was wonderfully well presented, the dialect being true to life, and Kester's tenor, when threatened by Colonel Kirk, fairly bringing down the house. Dr. C. L. Clark as Jasper Carlew did some excellent acting, his occasional failure to make himself heard in all parts of the house being his only fault.

Little Helen Cogswell, as "Sibyl," deserved much praise, and "Gibby" also made much of Morris Postwick as "Lord Churruell," of Mac Gurnsey as "Kestrel Napleton," and of F. C. Hazleton as "Corporal Pikelet" and as "John Zoyland," all the parts being well interpreted.

"A Sheep in Wolf's Clothing" was followed by the comedy drama, "Meg's Diversion," with Miss Minerva Gurnsey as "Meg." Miss Gurnsey's versatility was thoroughly tested in the change of scene, and her ability plainly shown. Her contrived lover, "Jasper Piquet," was represented by L. F. McKelvey, with remarkable fidelity. "Sir Ashley Morton" or "Hash Mattow," as Jasper styled him, would hardly have been recognized as Dr. M. A. Newman; nor would any but the most intimate friends take J. G. Bedford for "Eymon" the lawyer. W. D. McKelvey took the part of "Jerome Gray" made a very life-like Devereux farmer and J. L. Croft won praise as "Roland." Jasper Piquet's city brother. The last two characters on the cast, "Cornelia Crow" and "Widow Netwell" were assumed by Miss Louise Williams and Mrs. W. D. McKelvey. Both were highly complimented and the compliments were certainly well deserved. Mention should also be made of Will C. Kinney, for his bravery when Farnor Kinney was "gored by the black bull."

It is to be hoped that the Amateur Dramatic club will not disband. Both of last evening's plays were undeniably well presented and another entertainment of the same nature would be generally patronized. A great deal of credit should be given to the ladies who first took up the idea. Praise is also due to their stage manager, Dr. Thor. Judd who did much to win success.

Now comes the spring and judging from past springs we may forecast events which will pass on our:

Tanetel Bob O. Link will bob up serenely and link his fortunes with some Jenny Link. They always do that way.

The festive plow boy will grow giddy on his heels chasing the nimble butterfly. He will say he got them in the furrow, but it will be far away from the truth.

The homely old tumble bug and the frisky fly will hold lengthy discussions as to which is of less use in the world.

The early rising husbandman will irritate the soil, and irritate the augle-worm in a futile attempt to raise ice cream from the spaw.

He will examine the moon's nodes (that is if she will let him) to see when to set his early rose cabbage and sow his last year's overalls.

The husbandman's sentimental laughter will also compose a note to the moon. The old hen; that nurtured the spring chicken, will stand around and sing "Lay me in my little bed;" then she will lay herself in the cucumber bed and scratch until no one will ever remember that ground. Then she will go off and lay an egg which the husbandman will seek with a microscope.

I know for I have bought the same eggs at forty cents a dozen, and then took them like pills.

The cat will go out into the flower garden and hear the larkspur their own low song.

At least these are fair propositions.

Yours truly, N. Q. Z.

No waste in using Fairbank's Soap. It is unrivaled in quality and most economical.

COMING EVENTS.

Alvin Joslin to-night.

Wayside Inn—Girls' meeting to-night.

Wisconsin Lodge No. 14, L. O. P. occupy Old Fellows hall this evening—regular weekly meeting.

Budger Council No. 223, Royal Arcanum, holds a regular semi-monthly meeting this evening—lodge room in the Lappin block, East Milwaukee street.

Balcony seats for "As You Like It," will be one dollar. Down stairs they will be one dollar and fifty cents. These prices are remarkably low when it is considered that Modjeska ranks as the world's leading actress. An opportunity to hear such a star, supported by the regular New York company, can be had by many people only once in a lifetime. Manager Myers has been to great expense for this attraction, and his efforts should be appreciated.

Fairbanks Soaps are warranted pure, and remember they are the cheapest as well as best.

THE WEATHER.

At seven o'clock this morning the thermometer indicated 49 degrees above zero. Partly cloudy with southeasterly wind. At one o'clock p. m., the register was 55 degrees above zero. Partly cloudy with southerly wind. For corresponding hours one year ago the register was 45 and 57 degrees above zero.

To Whom It May Concern.

My daughter, Sarah J. Peters, has left her home and I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract on my account.

Mrs. Root, Peters.

AMUSEMENTS.

ALVIN JOSLIN.

The Syracuse Daily Courier says: Last evening Charles L. Davis ("Alvin Joslin") company appeared at the Grand before a fine audience. Mr. Davis and Uncle Alvin was inexpressibly funny and kept the audience in a roar. The orchestra is splendid and the soloists were compelled to respond to several encores. Mr. Davis was finely supported and the play was the hit of the season. It will be repeated at a matinee this afternoon and the last time this evening. The play should be seen by everyone, as it is enjoyable in the extreme.

GUSTAVE THOMAS' NEW PLAY.

"I am devoting almost my entire time at present," said Mr. Frohman to a Murray reporter, "to my new star, Mary Hamilton; she is full of talent. This is no idle statement, for I have had Miss Hamilton playing 'My Blossom' all over the country. It is over two years since I first heard of the wonderful talent of a young girl who appeared at an amateur performance of 'Take Charge' at Wallack's Theatre for a benefit. Frank Carpenter, the distinguished artist, spoke to me of her decided talent; so I got Franklin Sargent to introduce me. To my astonishment I found that the young lady did not wish to burst at once upon the public as a new and great star, but preferred to attain that position by hard work and legitimate methods. I carried with her views, and gave her the part of 'My Blossom' in that, the earlier part of last season, feeling that, if she could hold and move the immense audiences of the popular houses, I might feel pretty safe in stalling her on the road. I found that she stood the test nobly, even exceeding what I had been led to hope."

THE BORIN FREEMASONS' MATINEE.

The Borin Freemasons' matinee, which has been the perfect time and precision of the great feeling and expression which distinguished their playing. The concert gave the most unbounded satisfaction, and afforded a new sensation to all who were so happy as to be present.

RESCUE BOOK & LADDER CO.

The annual meeting of Rescue Book & Ladder Co. No. 1 was held last evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Foreman—Ed. Matthews.

Assistant Foreman—William Wilson.

Secretary—H. T. Kroom.

Treasurer—W. E. Spicer.

SHOPS.

Tuesday evening last the band came out and serenaded the Wayside Inn, their leader in honor of his election as town clerk. They also went up and gave Mr. and Mrs. Byron Cook a serenade at their new home.

The Easter concert held at the M. E. church last Sunday was well attended and the choir sang most nicely. At the close the eighteen little children who had been gathering pennies in their Easter eggs during the week broke them and they were found to contain \$7.75, which was donated to the missionary cause.

The Y. P. A. society of the M. E. church will give a literary entertainment and supper next Tuesday evening, April 13.

Geo. Towner, of Manning, Iowa, was town Monday shaking heads with friends.

There will be an Easter soiree in the Congregational church Friday the 19.

D. Van Valen, of Whitewater, came down Monday on business. He has kept a record for his new home. Van Valen looks at him as should say his water-gate agrees with him.

J. H. Vought and wife, who have been spending the winter in New York state, returned home last night. They have been eating on apples and cider during the winter and have returned looking ten years younger than when they left home. We are glad these two old "land marks" to the society of our village have been back.

C. C. Towner, of Whitewater, came down Monday on business. He has kept a record for his new home. Van Valen looks at him as should say his water-gate agrees with him.

The Whitewater Normal School closed its session last night. The students of our village, are home for a ten days' vacation. They are the Misses Emma O'Brien, Anna Smith and Everline Emma.

MILTON JUNCTION.

Miss Nellie Barless, of Rock Prairie, is visiting at Alex Pauls for a few days.

Our efficient constable, B. B. Kien, has moved to Milton. Sorry to lose so highly an officer from our village.

Fred Brant has removed his shoe business one door south, in the harness shop on Re-chants Road.

Miss Nellie Evans, of Racine, has returned to this place and resumed the art of teaching again in the graded school.

The farmers are busy with spring work, as the ground has reached last fall is in good condition to receive the spring grain.

Those who are warming are getting along fine. The warm, dry weather is favorable.

We need rain to start the grass, and to send the winter grain on its way to maturity.

C. B. Gray bought the house and lot that B. B. Kien vacated.

AFTON.

We understand that Mr. August Sorenson and family intend moving to Chicago this week.

The entire ticket collected with the Union account was this morning paid in full except the treasurer, Mr. J. C. Goldin from the east side of the river bearing Mr. Geo. McCross for that office.

Edison passed off quietly.

Mrs. A. B. Waterman is having her residence moved. A very noticeable improvement.

The season of the year is now at hand when "The playman" homeward plods his weary way," but the plowing will not be extra good till a good rain settles the ground in, and compact firm.

A few choice plants and flowers decorated the interior of the Baptist church at Sunday in remembrance of Easter.

THEIR BUSINESS BOOMING.

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at Frank Sherer & Co's Drug Store as their giving away with each dollar's worth of goods a small bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article, from the fact that it always cures the most obstinate coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, whooping cough, and lung diseases quickly cured. You can test this by getting a good reliable bottle, large size \$1. Every bottle warranted.

\$20,000 loaned in two months, and as much more awaiting applicants.

C. E. BOWLES.

WISCONSIN NEWS.

Items of Interest From all Parts of the State.

Work has begun on the new Jones hotel at Oconomowoc.

An unknown man was killed near La Valle, on Tuesday morning, by the south-bound Dakota passenger train.

The Black River boom opened with 9,000,000 feet of logs. The winter's cut was the largest ever made, and the boom with the old stock is about 200,000,000 feet.

Over \$200,000 has been paid out in the city of Oconto within the past two days to the city and county, and employed in the various logging camps.

Carl L. Buchholz, aged 61, who died of consumption at 1331 Kinicki street, Milwaukee, Monday night, had been sick in bed for nine years.

The contractors for the new hotel at Wausau intend to have the building ready for occupancy by July 4. A force of fifty men is now on the grounds.

Liquor dealers in Racine report an alarming falling off in their business, and it is estimated that the loss will be fully 5 per cent. The license is \$200, and has but a tendency to crowd many from the business.

Two girls, aged 10 and 12 years, the daughters of Mr. O. H. Schneider, arrived in Milwaukee last week from Switzerland, labelled like baggage and taken care of by the police.

Monday night Joseph Bart, employed as a street cleaner, was struck by a car-bell and knocked off the bridge, striking his head on a pile and leading in the water. He will probably die.

Martha Erickson, an attendant at the Milwaukee county insane asylum, died last night in Chicago, her affliction having been long and painful. She was known as the Norwegian Venus, and was much respected.

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